ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ (ಮಾಗಡಿ).—ಕುದುರೆ ಜೂಜಿನ ಆಟದಿಂದ ಬಹು ಜನ ಕೆಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That supplementary does not arise.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Rock-burst at Kolar Gold Fields and relief to families of the deceased.

Q.—13. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a rock-burst occurred on 1st July 1952 at Kolar Gold Fields ;

(*b*) if so, the casualties ;

(*c*) the reasons for the rock-burst ;

(*d*) the steps taken to give relief ?

A.—Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) There was a rock-burst in the Champion Reef Mines, Kolar Gold Fields, on 30th June 1952.

(*b*) 12 persons were reported to be missing, of whom two were rescued alive. Dead bodies of three persons were removed from the debris. There are still 7 more persons to be traced and they are believed to be dead.

(*c*) The reasons for the rock-burst are not yet available.

(*d*) It is ascertained that a sum of Rs. 20,940 (Rupees twenty thousand nine hundred and forty only) has been deposited by the Mining Company towards payment of compensation to the families of the deceased persons.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—It is said that there are still 7 more persons to be traced and they are believed to be dead. Are any efforts made to remove the dead bodies of these persons from the debris ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Every effort has been made and is still being made for the recovery of the dead bodies.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What is the result ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Up-to-date still 7 persons are missing.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—When a rock-burst like this occurs, whose concern is it to give safety measures ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—No doubt, all possible safety will be given by the people concerned.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Whose is the responsibility, I am putting a question. Whether it is that of the Company or the Government ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Well, Sir, the law is there, it governs the Mining Companies and the Mining Companies will take all the precautions under the law.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that these rock-bursts are of late on the increase every year ?

Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—On a point of order, Sir. I want to know whether two Ministers can answer the same question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes. Sri Linga Reddy may go on.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that these rock-bursts are on the increase every year ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Yes, Sir ; it is very unfortunate.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What safety measures are adopted to prevent these rock-bursts ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Sir, we have to remember that they are working in some of the deepest mines in the world and necessarily the risk is also a little greater. There are specialists appointed by the Mining Companies to make arrangements to avoid all such accidents as far as possible.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Is it true that of late the Mining Companies are not paying the required attention to give sufficient protection to the people that suffer in these rockbursts ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—Well, Sir, Government have got a representative. Of course, it comes under the Central Government. That representative looks after all these safeguards and giving protection to them.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—When the Chief Minister of the State visited K.G.F., did he not make enquiries about this rock-burst ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—I understand it is so.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know the result of his investigation ?

Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA.—No such thing was made.

QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY.

(NOT TAKEN UP)

Difference in literacy between District and District.

Q.—498. Sri G. PAPANNA (Sidlaghatta-Chikballapur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the reason for the difference in the percentage of literacy between district and district in the State ?

(*b*) the action contemplated by them to improve the districts which are backward in education ?

A.— Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) The Census Report may be awaited to know the reasons.

(*b*) It will be examined if more schools can be given to such of the districts where the percentage is low.

President withholding assent to Mysore Cotton Control (Amendment) Bill, 1951.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The following declaration by the President has been received in respect of the Mysore Cotton Control (Amendment) Bill, 1951, passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 22nd January 1951 :—

To

His Highness the
Rajpramukh of Mysore.

I, Rajendra Prasad, having considered the Mysore Cotton Control (Amendment) Bill, 1951, which was reserved for my consideration under the provisions of Article 200 of the Constitution of India, do hereby declare in pursuance of Article 201 of the Constitution, that I withhold assent from the Bill.

Sd. RAJENDRA PRASAD,
President.
31-3-1952.

The circumstances leading to this declaration may be shortly stated: The powers available to the Mysore Government under section 3 of the Principal Act, the Mysore Cotton Control Act, 1942, are powers calculated to regulate or prohibit the production, supply and distribution of cotton and trade and commerce therein. The Central Government possesses like powers under section 3 (1) of the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act, 1946 and the Mysore Cotton Control Act, 1942, has to be therefore regarded as a law which corresponds to the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act in so far as it relates to cotton and has to be treated as repealed by section 17 (4) of the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act with effect from 1st April 1952 when the Act was brought into force in Part B States. The question of amending such an Act therefore cannot arise and the President has, in consultation with the State Government, accordingly withheld his assent to the Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER.—There is an adjournment motion sent this morning by Sri S. Gopala Gowda. The Hon'ble Member is not present.

The next item is Amendment of Rules of Procedure.

AMENDMENT OF RULES OF PROCEDURE.

Leave to Amend.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—Sir, I move for leave to amend the